

MEDICARE+CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare+Choice Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services: Robert A. Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers; Carol Cronin, Director, Center for Beneficiary Services; and Jeffrey Kang, M.D., Director and Chief Clinical Officer, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; and public witnesses.

STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS—TAX TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Structured Settlements. Testimony was heard from Joseph Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BUDGET: IMAGERY INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Imagery Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to

review United States policy and strategy for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in preparation for the OSCE Summit Meeting scheduled to convene in Istanbul this year, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, and Harold Koh, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; Stephen Rickard, Amnesty International USA, Washington, D.C.; Douglas A. Johnson, Center for Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Neil Hicks, Middle East and North Africa Program, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, New York, New York.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 19, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.